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EF5 tornado rips through Oklahoma leaving behind shattered lives

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Oklahoma medical examiner's office revised the death toll to 24, including nine children, after a EF5 tornado, two miles wide, destroyed areas of Oklahoma on Monday, May 20. The monstrous tornado virtually wiped out the town of Moore, Okla., leaving a path of devastation, that looked more like a war zone than neighborhoods, in its path.

Among the buildings and homes completely obliterated by the 200-mph winds was Plaza Towers Elementary School where seven students were found dead in the debris.

Search and rescue workers worked through the night walking through neighborhoods, moving from one flattened home to another listening for voices calling out from the debris … searching for any remaining survivors.

"As long as we are here we are going to hold out hope that we will find survivors," Trooper Betsy Randolph, Oklahoma Highway Patrol spokesperson told the media.

Families nervously waited at various churches to hear if their loved ones were alive or dead. A man with a megaphone stood near St. Andrews United Methodist Church and called out the names of surviving children. Parents and children clutched each other as they were being reunited while other parents waited, hoping to hear their sons' and daughters' names as the night dragged on.

More than 230 people have been injured, including 45 children and were being treated at local hospitals.

The storm flattened homes and public buildings over a 30 square mile radius. Everywhere one looked, cars were hurled as if they were toys and one farmer reported that 100 of his horses had been killed.

The tornado that destroyed Moore, Okla., was just one in a series of tornadoes that hit Oklahoma starting on Sunday, May 19. The first hit Sunday evening in the areas of Shawnee, Okla., obliterating a mobile home park and in Norman, Okla.

The EF5 tornado on Monday eerily followed the same path of a killer twister that rocked the Moore area with 300 mph winds in May 1999. It is the fourth tornado that has hit Moore since 1998.

AP Photo

A boy calls to his father after being pulled out of the rubble at Plaza Towers Elementary School in Moore, Okla., where seven children died.

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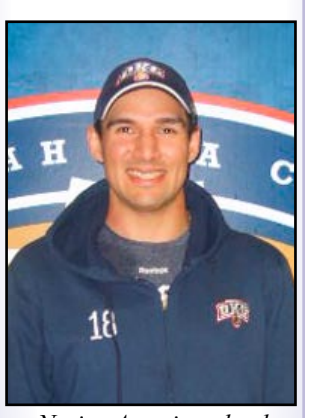

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Life's Journeys
Arapaho elder shares journey of career, life and family

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

After a life long career within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), 78-year-old Clifford Gene Birdshead, Arapaho, knows the most important aspect of life is family.

"I have always had fun and I have always enjoyed what I've done in my career, but I am doing what I like to do and that's being around my kids, my grandkids and my great-grandkids and after all this time and after all the things I have done, that's the most important thing in your life ... its your family, so I am enjoying my family," Clifford said.

Born at the Concho Indian Hospital on Nov. 18, 1934, Clifford is the oldest of 10 children born to Joseph Jess Birdshead and Rose Tallbear Birdshead. His siblings are Joseph, Lawrence, Tommie Rose, Ralph, Frances, Lavern, Sterling, Charles and Myrlie Ann.

Clifford said his folks raised them not to speak their Native language, "because my mom had gone to boarding school and she didn't want us to have the same experiences she had at that boarding school. My parents always spoke English to us and even our grandmother, Susie Mixed Hair Tallbear, did, and when she did speak in the Arapaho language we didn't understand her."

"I don't really recall much from the age of 1 to 5 ... I guess my earliest memory is when we lived on the Colony Reserve where they located families on 180 acres of parcels of land ... my mom and dad were some of those who were located there. We raised a farm, cattle and I can remember chasing the milk cows in on horseback," Clifford said. "My dad had bought a remount horse from Ft. Reno and I would ride that horse and chase in the milk cows."

Clifford attended Seger Indian School during the 1st and 2nd grade, until it was closed. He said all the Indian children were then sent to Colony Public Schools and for some reason all the kids who were sent to Colony were set back one grade, so Clifford had to repeat the 2nd grade at Colony Public School.

"We were integrated with the public school and it wasn't so bad. I remember going there and a friend or two, but that's about it. What I remember about Colony is we would always ride horses. We would ride across the country. We all pulled our cattle in the middle, you see in the middle was the grazing tract and we branded our cattle and that's how we separated them out," Clifford remembered with a smile. "We stayed there until part way through 2nd grade and moved to Geary. There we leased a tract of land from mom's relative, James Holland. We stayed on that place about a year and then we moved about a mile away to my father's stepmother's place and he leased that from her. There was some hilly farmland there but we raised cotton, corn, and a garden. Then I changed schools to a country school and it had grades 1 thru 8 ... Pleasant Ridge. We had one teacher, one room with eight rows of seats and chairs, a big potbelly stove, a stage and a piano. I attended that school

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Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Clifford Gene Birdshead, 78, is an Arapaho elder retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs living in Anadarko, Okla.

Pow-Wow Dancing

This is an overview of just some of the powwow dancing found at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes dance arenas across the Plains of Oklahoma.

Powwows are celebrations, social gatherings and friendly dance competitions. But, as with the sacred thread that runs through all of life, there are sacred traditions to be found in this coming together of people.

There is a circle in most dances, representing the circle of unity, the cycle of life. Dancers often follow the clockwise pattern of the sun. Some of the regalia and/or ornaments signify special events or honors in a person's life, special religious traditions or symbols rooted in legend.

By Rebecka Lyman

Ladies Cloth

Ladies Cloth is a formal dress of the powwow. The dress originated from a constant intertwining of the white and Native American cultures as the settlers crossed the plains. At times when families would go West to settle, they would be forced to dump things that were not needed or were too heavy to be taken along. These things were then found by passing Indians who would take and use them. European cloth was one of these luxuries.

The style of dance is slow and graceful, as the dancers are relatively stationary. The knees are bent in time with the drum, creating a slow, graceful up and down movement of the body, shifting the feet slightly and turning. It is one imitating nature, becoming tall grass blowing in a breeze, their feet barely touching the ground as though their heels where kissed by the wind.

"I started dancing at a young age, my grandmother would make our dresses and do all the beadwork, I guess that is where I learned how to bead. I would set and watch her bead and sew. The dance is a social dance, I dance because I enjoy it not because of contesting, but I do contest sometimes at the powwows," Edwina Whiteman said. "When I'm out there dancing I try to concentrate on the beat of the drum and try not to mess up, sometimes it's hard. I do make all my dresses and do all my own beadwork, my son does beadwork too and he helps me a lot, he actually designs a lot of our beadwork and we also do beadwork for others."

Depending on the tribe, Ladies Cloth can look very different. This is a brief description of the style as depicted in the South. Beginning at the feet, knee high boot moccasins are worn. They are sometimes beaded although it is not mandatory. Next over any full slip, a tee-dress is worn. This dress can be made out of any fabric suitable to one's region and or climate. Next, an apron is put on. It is a piece of cloth that wraps around the waist and overlaps to the left. A leather concho belt is worn over the apron to keep it in place. Over the shoulders, a breast plate is secured by ribbons. Around the neck, a neckerchief is worn although it and the choker are both optional.

Ladies Buckskin

Ladies Buckskin is one of the oldest of the womens' dances. Often referred to as Womens' Traditional, it is danced tall, straight and proud, each step gliding as if on air, each sway of her waterfall of fringe like a breeze through a willow tree. This is a sophisticated dance style, not restricted to one age group. Women from around the nation, ages 6 to 90 can be found wearing this dress.

"I have been dancing since I was a young girl. I wear a more traditional dress," Bobbie Hamilton said. "Today the buckskin dress varies in an array of colors. The original colors used to be only earth tone colors and sometimes turquoise. When I was kid, myself, Judy Buffalo and others wore Buckskin dresses and would start out at Canton and visit all of the local powwows. Everybody had the Buckskin dress back in the 70s. The Arapaho and the Cheyenne all wore the Buckskin dress. We are known for our style of beadwork and the Buckskin style of dress. It seems to be a lost art, because hardly anyone wears them anymore."

When dressing in this style a dancer will begin with beaded knee moccasins

more often than not made with white buckskin and tied just below the knee. Followed by a long white buckskin skirt with a cotton tank attached at the waist.

Next a dancer will put on a buckskin yoke. This is usually beaded and has long buckskin strips that hang down below the knees. Sometimes a breastplate will be worn over the dress, but that is optional. Various pieces of jewelry are also sometimes worn but these are optional as well. Moving up, a choker at times will be worn around the neck provided that there is no neckerchief.

There are various ways that a person may wear hair anywhere from down to two tight French braids. A single feather is enough to finish the regalia although some dancers may wish to embellish with beaded clips, berets and or heluskas.

Ladies Fancy Shawl

Beautifully embroidered or decorated long fringed shawls complement elaborately beaded capes, moccasins and leggings. The colorful outfits match the spirited twirling and prancing of this exuberant dance.

Contrary to popular belief, this dance is not a traditional womens' style, its evolution has been witnessed by the public in the powwow arena. One anecdote relates that women were dancing in mens' fancy dance regalia, and when they began to enter competition and beat the men, it was decided that they should have their own dance. Now Womens' Fancy Dance features a fast pace and the distinctive brightly colored shawl. The shawl itself is an adaptation of the blanket carried or worn traditionally by women. Native culture is still practiced daily even in contemporary society.

"Mom said I was about 8 years old when I began to dance in the arena. One night she looked over at me and found me dancing," Yolanda Valenzuela-Lira said. "I really don't make up routines for when I compete. I just move to the beat of the drum and find myself lost in the song. I also compete in Womens' Cloth. Dancing is a part of who I am, it is like praying when I dance and sometimes healing for me."

As an active living culture, it is dynamic and has grown and changed with the times. Fancy dance regalia shows that while maintaining the basic forms and designs of the past, new materials such as sequins, ribbon, and fabric and new styles can be combined with beadwork, quills, and feathers resulting in regalia that still expresses unique Native identity.

The dance is a combination of intricate footwork that is choreographed extemporaneously in response to the beat and tone of the

Ladies Jingle Dress

The idea of the dress was first encountered in the late 1800s, and although there are many legends, one seems to stand out the most.

As the story goes, there once was an elder in a tribe who was very ill and was thought to die soon. As he lay sick in his bed he received a vision. In it, a young woman came to him and showed him a dress unlike any he had ever seen. She said that it was a medicine dress that would make him whole again. With that, the girl taught him what to use and how to make the dress. Once that was done, the young woman taught the old man the songs that would make the medicine come alive in the dress. Teach this dance to your granddaughters, the girl said, and you again will be well. When the sun rose the next morning, the old man called his three young granddaughters to him and told them of the vision he had in the night. When they heard the entire story, they quickly ran to gather all of the things they would need to create the healing dress. As soon as the ceremony had been completed, a miracle occurred as the grandfather's fever broke.

The Jingle Dress features tiers of seven rows of jingle cones. The dresses are decorated with ribbon, appliqué, paint, and beadwork with matching beaded leggings, moccasins, purse and hair ornaments.

Eagle or other feathers and plumes are worn and a fan is carried and raised during the honor beats of the song.

Mens Traditional

The Traditional Dancer has a few dances that are uniquely his and his alone. One of these is the crow hop, where the dancer will "hop" to the beat of the drum.

The other traditional specialty dance is the sneak-up, where the dancer may imitate a warrior in the field or an animal looking for prey. It begins with the drum rolling, and all of the dancers low to the ground. "Gunshots" will be heard on the drum which cause the dancers to be wary. The drum then picks up a normal beat, and the dancers rise and dance.

"I began dancing the Fancy dance when I was young boy, my father and grandfather danced along with me. In 1989 I began dancing the Mens Northern Traditional. The Traditiomal dance is similar to the Straight dance, the differences are the Straight is often called the Southern Traditional," Patrick Spottedwolf said. "The Traditional dance originated in the north, which is were I grew up and eventually made its way south to Oklahoma. Dancing is like prayer for me, I will find myself lost to the beat of the drum. It is also ceremonial for me."

The following will be a very general description and is by no means true for everyone. Almost all have some sort of headdress and a roach. A choker, scarf with slide, or

beaded tie tab will cover the neck, and a ribbon shirt is usually worn. A breastplate is almost essential, as well as a bandoiler or two. The bustle worn on the lower back is only thing that is guaranteed, but they may look very different as well. Aprons with many kinds of decorations are worn, and side tabs are frequently seen. Most contemporaries will wear leather leggings with bells or clackers around their knees, while Northern Traditional dancers do not wear leggings but instead wear leg fringes at the knee with their bells and a small piece of Angora hide at their ankles.

All dancers wear moccasins. Traditional dancers will also have beaded arm bands and cuffs with fringe hanging off, and will dance with a flat fan or more commonly a large wing fan. In addition, most will carry a dance staff of some kind with a few feathers attached to it.

Mens Fancy Dance

The brightest and fastest of mens' dance styles, the Fancy Dance. It did not originate from any old dance or style. Fancy dancing is the result of trying to entertain visitors at reservations in the early 1920s. The outfit combined the popular bustles of traditional dancers and made them larger, brighter, and more exciting and added feathers, fluffs, and colors wherever they would fit.

Fancy Dancers, have many objects in their outfits that are unique to them. Starting at the top, all Fancy Dancers have a roach usually a little shorter than normal and with brighter deer hair. The main difference in the headgear of a Fancy Dancer is the rocker spreader, with two eagle feathers that are often decorated with plumes and reflective tape. Some dancers wear scalp feathers, but it is not as common. Most also wear beaded headbands, sometimes with a rosette on the front.

Fancy Dancers usually don't wear a ribbon shirt, but are covered in beaded and fringed aprons over the shoulders and waist. Some

also wear loom-beaded harnesses that are draped over the neck and hang past the waist.

Most also wear small arm bustles that are made from a disc with feathers glued around it. The signifying mark of a Fancy Dancer is his bright, twin bustles.

In addition to their aprons, Fancy Dancers wear matching side tabs to cover their thighs while dancing. All dancers wear large sleigh or the smaller Hawk bells just below the knee. A large Angora goat hide is wrapped around the calves to produce the white fuzzy stuff around their legs. Moccasins are usually worn.

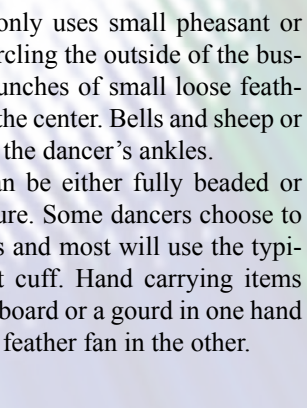
Mens Grass Dance

The Grass Dance style is a very old dance rich in history that has become very popular.

In the old days, it was the job of the grass dancers to flatten the grass in the arena before a powwow. The name "grass" does not come from the stomping of grass, but it comes from the old habit of tying braids of sweet grass to the dancer's belt, producing a swaying effect.

Today, Grass Dancers resemble a multicolored swaying mass of yarn or fringe on the dance floor. The Grass Dance is a very fluid and bendable style, with the dancers trying to move their fringe in as many places as possible at once. The Grass Dance style was born in the north, but its popularity has spread south, and now this beautiful style is available for everyone.

The regalia of a Grass Dancer is very different from most other styles. The headgear is much the same: roach, spreader, and maybe a beaded headband. One primary difference in Grass dancers is the optional "antennas," which are long, thin wires with fluffs



attached to the end that protrude from the spreader in the place of roach feathers.

Most dancers today wear fringed capes that are edged with lots of yarn or chainette fringe. Multicolored designs in the yarn are popular, but all white with colored highlights is becoming popular. A matching apron to the cape is worn to cover the waist, and usually fringed side tabs are worn as well. Instead of leather leggings, most Grass Dancers will wear a pair of jogging pants that have been modified with fringe just below the knees. The bells are worn just below the ankles above the moccasins.

Mens Chicken Dance

The legends told of the Chicken Dance goes like this, long ago in the buffalo days, there was a young man hunting to get food for his family. He heard a noise in the distance. He got very curious and followed the thumping sound. As he approached the sound he saw prairie chickens dancing in the tall grass. He took his bow and arrow and killed one of the birds.

When the man was sleeping he had a dream of a prairie chicken spirit came to him and asked him, 'Why did you kill me? My people were doing a sacred dance of my people'. The man replied that he needed to feed his family. The prairie chicken honored this and told the man that he was going to teach him the dance. He was to go out and teach every man the dance.

The dance is a simulation of the courtship dance of the prairie chicken. It is a full body dance that incorporates the head, shoulders, arms, hips, and legs. Men dancing this way tend to wear very flamboyant regalia colors with flowery designs, round bustles with matching side bustles on the shoulders. Their movements imitate strutting roosters, preening themselves

A porcupine hair roach and two long pheasant tail feathers that curlbackwards with colored plumes on the end.

The fringe for a Chicken Dancer is very short.Breechclouts are very simple shapes such as a square or an oval with short fringe along the outside edges. The bustle of the Chicken Dancer is small in that it only uses small pheasant or eagle feathers circling the outside of the bustle board with bunches of small loose feathers or plumes in the center. Bells and sheep or goat skins adorn the dancer's ankles.

Moccasins can be either fully beaded or simplistic in nature. Some dancers choose to wear arm bustles and most will use the typical beaded wrist cuff. Hand carrying items include a mirror board or a gourd in one hand and an eagle tail feather fan in the other.

C-A Senior Citizen Center celebrates 25 years

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

On May 20, 2013 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Senior Citizen Center recognizes the 25th anniversary of its Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) in Clinton, Okla.

For the past 25 years, ENP services have provided thousands of meals to ensure that tribal elders and older adults have access to the nutritious food needed to stay healthy.

"I began working here a year ago and it has been my privilege to get to know my elders better," Oveta Lira, ENP, acting coordinator said. "Over the next 25 years I look forward to having a place for our elders to meet with each other everyday like they do and to eat together."

Meals are served in congregate settings, giving seniors opportunities for vital social contact as well as delivered to seniors' homes, reaching some of the most disabled members of the Clinton community.

"Congregate meals are served Tuesday through Friday at noon here at the senior building. We also deliver to those that are 55 and older nutritional meals to their homes. We have another program called Native American Caregiver program, it is for elders 55 or older that may have a need with assistance within the home. We help assist in their daily living. Some elders that may have dementia or Alzheimers, we will send a caregiver out to those homes for two hours a day so that the primary caregiver can get a break," Lira said.

Lira said she is dreaming big for Cheyenne and Arapaho elders and other seniors to have the existing senior citizen building refurbished or construct a new one.

"I am pretty hopeful that the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes will assist our need for a larger facility. I have had contractors come out and look the building over and get bids prepared," Lira smiled. "One can dream big for the elders. I know that a lot of our elders want to bring back a lot of things that they used to do here, like have beading classes and shawl making classes."

On a blue tri-fold poster board that sat on a table as people entered into the dining area were newspaper clippings and photos pasted on it from the past 25 years. According to one of the clippings the Nutritional Center was originally located in the heart of downtown Clinton. In 1986 a First Dominion Priest sent sister, Clair Gaynor of the Irish Dominion Order to serve Native Americans in Oklahoma. Gaynor began to coordinate a HUD grant to build the existing building which tribal elders and non-Native seniors facilitate today. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Senior Citizen Center opened its doors on May 12, 1988.

Governor Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell addressed the seniors and staff.

"I look around and see that where there used to be offices is now filled with tables for our elders to have a place to eat. It looks as if we have a need to expand and give more space, that this building is in need of refurbishing or even possibly in the future build a new larger facility," Boswell said. "I will go back to the office and sit down with others to discuss the need that is here."

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Louise Sam, cook, prepares meals every Tuesday through Friday for the seniors that are homebound and those looking for a nutritious meal at the Senior Citizen building at noon time.

Lira expressed her gratitude to Boswell and her staff, "I would really like to thank my department of administration for coming out here and seeing the need for our elders, hopefully we will be able to build a new center for them," Lira said. "I hope that the Nutrition Center will be here for another 25 years and I look forward to celebrating 50 years with you all. I really want to thank all my volunteers for their help, because without them we would not be able serve any of our elders."

For more information about the Elderly Nutrition Program or the Native American Caregiver Program in Clinton, Okla. contact Lira at (405) 331-2351.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes join in the relief efforts for tornado victims

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Following the series of twisters that ripped their way through parts of Shawnee, Moore, and Carney, Okla., leaving hundreds of homeless families, Oklahoma residents and businesses jumped into action to lend a hand.

Lucky Star Casino, owned by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, set up a donation drop off site in Concho, Okla. Hundreds of people dropped off bottled water, Gatorades, wipes, diapers, sunscreen and many other items to be delivered to the tornado victims in Oklahoma City.

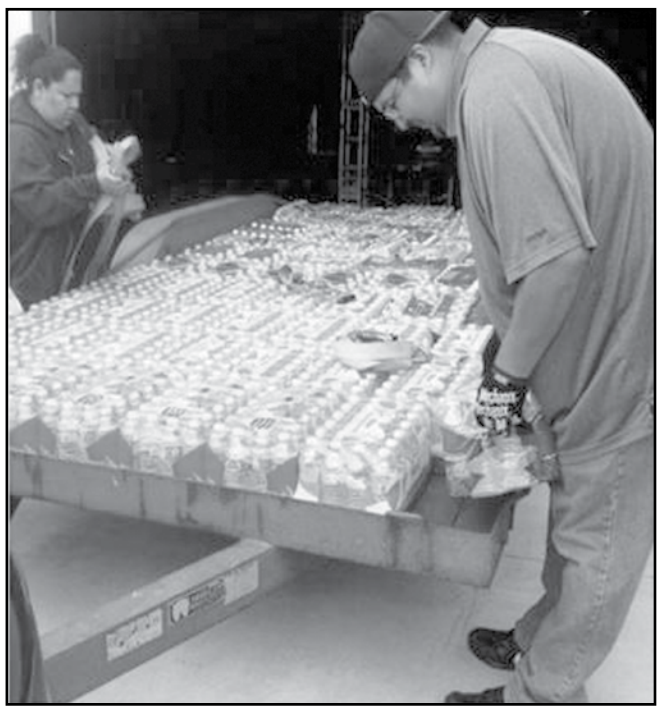
"We have already taken four truckloads of items along with four flat bed trailers packed down with donated items to Oklahoma City for the tornado victims," Alisa Guzman, Lucky Star Casino spokesperson said.

As one truckload of donated items would leave, employees were busy accepting more donations and loading another truck as fast as they could work.

The casino worked collecting and transporting donations to the victims all through the week.

Along with the tribes, many businesses donated millions of dollars to the relief effort. The Oklahoma City Thunder basketball team donated $1 million, with Kevin Durant, himself also donating $1 million.

To help with the relief efforts or to make a donation to the tornado victims contact the American Red Cross at (405) 228-9500 or visit www.redcross.org/ok/oklahoma-city.



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Lucky Star Casino employees fill trucks and flatbed trailers with donated items for the tornado victims in Oklahoma City.

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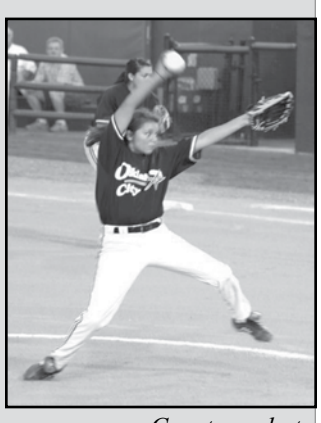
Tribal Tidbits

Danielle (Dani) Fox, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is a pitcher for the Oklahoma City University (OKCU) Stars NAIA College Softball team.

She is a junior majoring in criminal studies and maintains a 3.917 GPA. She was named to President's Honor Roll and was recently inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National Collegiate Athlete Honor Society and also belongs to the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society.

On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, Dani pitched a two hit shutout championship game that the Stars had to win in order to advance to the NAIA National Softball Championship tournament in Columbus, GA. While she had a lot of help from her teammates, this win was extra special because it was only the second complete game she pitched in all season because she sustained a near season ending injury one week before the softball season began.



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In mid February, she suffered a major sprain to her lisfranc tendons/ligaments in her foot that prevented her from playing the game she loves. Dani was forced to be in a walking boot for the eight weeks. Through hard work, perserverance and determination, she was able to come in after her team lost a 13-inning championship game to force a playoff game that determined whether or not the season was over or a return to play for a National Championship.

OKCU will be playing in the championship games May 24-30, 2013 and it is hoped they will bring the trophy home. Dani is thankful to be playing at this crucial time and hopes to be able to help her team win another National Title for OKCU.

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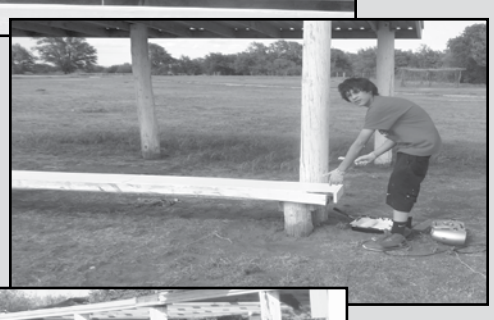

The Hammon tribal youth would like to thank Mr. Winslow Sankey for his donation of paint and supplies for the youth to paint the arbor posts and speaker stand prior to the annual 2013 Redmoon powwow.

Youth volunteers included Anna Greeley, Andrew Greeley, Aaron Cable, Silas Miles, Stephen Phillips, Karlena Orange, Jordyn Whiteskunk and Geoff Birdshead.

Morgan Kyli Bullcoming has been named Salutatorian for 2013 Graduation Class of Lookeba-Sickles High School.

Morgan is the daughter of Angela Tso Silago and Donald Bullcoming Jr. She is the granddaughter of Clifford Silago of Lookeba, Okla., the late Sharon (Klinekole) Silago, Esther Seger of Hammon, Okla. and the late Donald Bullcoming Sr. She is also the great-granddaughter of Neil Wooster of Lookeba, Okla.

Courtesy photo

Her activities included Student Council, Yearbook, FCA, FCCLA, Lady Panther Basketball team and high school softball team. Her honors include being a member of the: Class A Slow-Pitch Softball Academic State Champions, Oklahoma High School Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, Caddo County Basketball All-Tournament Team, Washita Valley Conference All-Conference Team, Hinton Invitational All-Tournament Team, Superintendent Honor Roll an 2013 Oklahoma Indian All-State Basketball.

Clinton Service Unit announces its 19th annual youth powwow June 8

Submitted article

The 19th annual Clinton Service Unit (CSU) Youth powwow will be held June 8, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla.

The CSU Youth powwow is the only powwow in the state of Oklahoma and several surrounding states that is held just for young people. Tiny tots up to 18 years old can participate in several areas. There are games for the tiny tots and dance competitions for anyone 18 or younger.

There is also a Junior Princess and a Senior Princess that represent CSU at the powwow as well as other events around the state, such as parades and rodeos.

This year, the powwow will also incorporate some other activities including a timed fun-run, which is open to everyone. There will be several educational booths set up displaying health awareness. These include HIV/AIDS Awareness, the American Diabetes Association, Smoking Prevention/Cessation, Stephanie Dodge Initiative (helping American Native Foster Children) and Domestic Violence Prevention as well as others. These booths will have useful information in the form of pamphlets available and educators available to answer questions. There will also be game/role playing events in conjunction with the booths.

There will be a Gourd dance beginning at 3 p.m., with a free supper served to all guests, attendees, and competitors starting about 5 p.m.

The Grand Entry will begin following the meal with the dance competition starting immediately after Grand Entry.

Members of the Caddo Nation will perform the flag ceremony. There will be many honored guests present too.

Another feature of this year's youth powwow will be an Art Competition. Young people from all three facilities in the service areas (El Reno, Clinton, and Watonga) will be eligible to enter and there will be several categories including art featuring HIV/AIDS Awareness, Domestic Violence and Prevention, and Health and Awareness. There will also be traditional and contemporary contests.

Competitors can enter in any and/or all of the categories. During the many dance competitions, the dancers will be eligible for cash prizes, with first, second, and third places being available in each competition arena. Of course, there are many categories of dancing including Boys' Fancy and teen Boys' Fancy, Girls' Jingle and teen Girls' Jingle, couples Two-Step, and many others.

There will be vendors at the powwow with their wares for sale. For any vendor in the area that might be interested in setting up a booth, there is a low fee of $25 and an item for the door prizes or raffles. This low fee goes to benefit the powwow only. There will be raffles, too, with the proceeds benefiting next year's powwow.

The meal, the educational booths, the dance and art competitions, and the fun-run are all free to participants.

Every employee of the CSU is a member of the CSU Youth powwow and employees association. Participation is strictly voluntary and members may participate as much or as little as they wish. All year round, members hold fundraisers in order to be able to sponsor this powwow for the youth. These range from bake sales centered around holidays to chili cook-offs.

We are proud of our young people and wish to promote health awareness in our culture, which is the by-word of our purpose for holding the CSU Youth powwow every year. We hope to see you there.

For more information about the art competitions, please contact Julie Cox at (580) 331-3402, Shoune Tallbird at (580) 623-4991 or Niki Baker at (405) 262-8437.

For more information about the fun-run, please contact Jamie Shaddon at (580) 331-3351.

For more information about the powwow, please contact Charlene Wassana (580) 331-3362 or Lia Kaye Spears at (580) 331-3396.

Princesses:

Serving as the 2013 Clinton Service Unit (CSU) Senior Princess will be Tayloure Baker of Yukon, Okla.

Tayloure attends Mustang

High School where she is a junior with a 3.4 GPA and active in volleyball, basketball, art club and track. She also loves to take pictures.

She is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa), Rincon and Muskogee Creek tribes.

Tayloure is the daughter of Andrea "Niki" Baker of Yukon, Okla., and Lawrence Baker of New Town, N.D. She is the granddaughter of Archie and Ramona Mason of Tulsa, Okla., Andrew and Carmelita Skeeter of Tulsa, Okla., and the late Milton Baker and the late Arlene Calac Hagen, both formerly of New Town, N.D.

As part of the application process each applicant must write an essay on health. Below is Tayloure's essay.

"Simple Problems: Being healthy is very important to you and the people around you. I'm talking about your personal hygiene. Some examples are quite simple. Like taking a shower and brushing your teeth may not seem like much but it can go a long way.

When you sweat doing extra work it gets rid of all the dirt out of your pores and taking a shower disposes of that dirt. So now you're clean and people won't mind being around you.

Now brushing your teeth helps with more things than having fresh breath. It gets rid of old food taste, plaque, and any extra, unwanted food particles. Also it allows the next person you talk to not to flinch, every time you say something. Not too much to do, but these were a couple of healthy thoughts."

Tayla Nishay Bish of Anadarko, Okla., will serve as the 2013 Junior Princess.

Tayla is a first grade student at Sunset Elementary and is Arapaho. She is a Kindergarten graduate of Sunset Elementary where she has promised to finish high school.

Tayla is the daughter of James Bish and Shaneeka Mayo of Anadarko, Okla., and the granddaughter of Jim and Doris Bish of Colony, Okla., and Phyllis Mayo of Anadarko, Okla.

She enjoys playing with friends, playing soccer and t-ball, dancing at powwows, singing with her sister and spending time with family.

Tayla's essay read, *"In order to be healthy you need to eat lots and lots of fruits and vegetables. Most people who are healthy seem a lot happier. People who are unhealthy seem very sad. When I feel healthy I seem to smile more."*

All Veteran's are invited to come eat 6 p.m., June 12, 2013 at the NAC Center in Concho, Okla.

H. G. Fairfield Arts
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June 10-21 2013
Wurtsboro, NY to San Antonio, TX

A program with comedian PJ Walsh to raise awareness & funds to help local veterans.

Mon. June 10
USMVMC NY 4 departs
Wurtsboro for San Antonio

US Military Vets
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June 12-13
Southern Cheyenne & Arapaho
and USMVMC NY 4 gathering: Oklahoma

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

CLINTON SERVICE UNIT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION YOUTH POWWOW
ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION June 7, 2013

Special categories: HIV/AIDS awareness & Child Abuse Prevention

ENTRANTS: *Age Categories: 6-9 y/o, 10-13 y/o, and 14-18 y/o*
- *Must be of American Indian descent*
- *Must be a student in school*

ARTWORK: *Traditional & Contemporary entries must be Native American theme*
HIV/AIDS & Child Abuse Prevention entries must show awareness/prevention theme
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DONE WITHIN THE CURRENT YEAR.

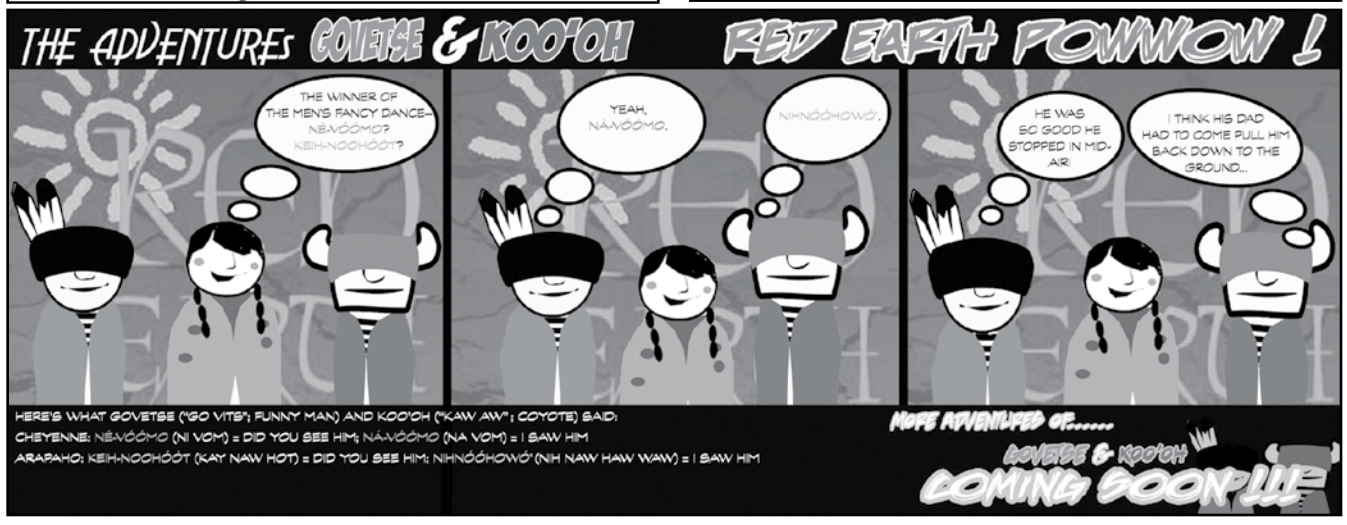
LIMIT: 3 entries per student

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Friday, June 7 @ 10:00 am

- *Prizes for Traditional, Contemporary, HIV/AIDS awareness, and child abuse awareness categories*
- *Best of Show will be awarded*

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
JACKIE REYNOLDS (580) 331-3383 CLINTON
JULIE YELLOWHAIR (580) 331-3402 CLINTON
SHOUNE TALLBIRD (580) 623-4991 WATONGA
ANDREA "NIKI" BAKER (580) 422-8437 EL RENO

*****Please bring entries to one of the following by the deadline:
To one of the above Powwow Committee members at Clinton Indian Health Center/Registration, El Reno Indian Health Center, or Watonga Indian Health Center.


THE ADVENTURES GOVETSE & KOO'OH
RED EARTH POWWOW !
THE WINNER OF THE MEN'S FANCY DANCE- NÁVÓÓMO? KEIH-NOOHÓÓT?
YEAH, NÁVÓÓMO.
NIHNÓÓHOWÓ'.
HE WAS SO GOOD HE STOPPED IN MID-AIR!
I THINK HIS DAD HAD TO COME PULL HIM BACK DOWN TO THE GROUND...
HERE'S WHAT GOVETSE ("GO VITS"; FUNNY MAN) AND KOO'OH ("KAW AW"; COYOTE) SAID:
CHEYENNE: NÁVÓÓMO (NI VOM) = DID YOU SEE HIM; NÁVÓÓMO (NA VOM) = I SAW HIM
ARAPAHO: KEIH-NOOHÓÓT (KAY NAW HOT) = DID YOU SEE HIM; NIHNÓÓHOWÓ' (NIH NAW HAW WAW) = I SAW HIM
MORE ADVENTURES OF.....
GOVETSE & KOO'OH
COMING SOON!!!

Native American hockey player assists Oklahoma City Barons to the finals

By Robin Noyes, Tribal Tribune correspondent

Right Wing Hockey player Jonathon Cheechoo, a member of the First Nations people of Canada is bringing the heat to the Oklahoma City Barons hockey team and helping drive the team to victory in the playoffs.

Cheechoo and teammates have currently been victorious in their journey to the playoffs and have just made it to the Western Conference Finals.

Cheechoo's long and successful hockey career began as a young boy.

"It was always a dream of mine, since I was a young kid, so probably as young as I can remember that's all I ever wanted to do was play hockey, and I spent a lot of time working on it," Cheechoo said.

Cheechoo grew up in Moose Factory Ontario located in Northern Canada, a place abundant in snow and ice. When Cheechoo was only 4 years of age, his dad began building him a hockey rink in his own back yard and ever since then he has been working on becoming the player he is today.

"I started taking it seriously and left home when I was 14 to pursue it, so that's when I took the first steps towards going for my dreams," Cheechoo said. "My dad was my real hero growing up because he played too and he taught me everything I know. He made it to the Sudbury Wolves Junior team back in the day so he was a pretty good hockey player himself. My dad had seven brothers and two sisters so all my uncles played hockey as well. My uncles actually played on one team, a mens' hockey team back home. For a while there all my uncles would come over and play with me on our back yard rink because I was an only child for about seven years. My whole family has a passion for the game so I grew up in that atmosphere."

Cheechoo's many accomplishments started when he was drafted by the Belleville Bulls of the OHL in 1997. He had a very strong rookie year achieving enough goals and assists to get third place on the team. From then on he has played for the OHL and AHL teams and finally making to the NHL's San Jose Sharks in 2002.

"The first game I ever played in the NHL I realized my dream, it had been my dream growing up. I set goals, I worked hard for it so reaching the NHL was the ultimate for me and it came true for me in 2002. My first game I played against the Detroit Red Wings, and I was lined up against Brett Hall, which is also one of my top guys, he was quite a scorer too," Cheechoo said. "It was fun, because the Chief of our tribe from back home came down to watch the game and my dad was able to fly in with my mom so it was great to have all that support there."

His best season came in 2005-2006 when he led the team in goals and became the first San Jose player to ever to win the "Rocket" Richard Trophy, which is awarded to the player with the most goals in a season.

"For me that was the best season I've had and something not very many people get to have as there is only one player every season that gets to lead the league in scoring, so that was a very proud moment. I was able to get my family members down there so it was a great time," Cheechoo said smiling.

In the off-season during the summer Cheechoo goes home and participates in the gathering of his people where everyone in his tribe gets together. They have cook-outs, square dancing, art and music, "It's pretty neat to go back and see a lot of the people showing off their talents that they have. There are a lot of great artists back home and its always great when they hold that as its pretty cool to go see."

Cheechoo grew up in this environment and his grandfather was a hunter and trapper.

"My grandfather trapped his whole life. Where I lived there is no road that goes up there and its kind of cut off and isolated. Getting up there is pretty expensive so growing up we hunted for our food and fished. Our main source of food was from our hunting. My grandfather trapped for furs and my grandmother made clothes so that was basically how life was for us," Cheechoo recalled his days growing up with a big smile. "I told my grandfather that once I was done with hockey if I didn't make it, I would come back and learn how to trap, but obviously I made it and I wasn't able to do that. Back home you share with everybody … it's a community. In our family if you get a moose you basically get maybe a quarter and if somebody else gets it, you get a piece from them, so it works itself out as everybody takes care of everybody. That's how it works … you take care of the elders that can't go hunt. There is a lot of them that are older or maybe they have lost their husbands or just past the age where they can't go out themselves. We have to take care of them and it's an honor to do that."

Cheechoo said his advice to anybody that wants to make it in any walk of life, not just sports but in anything, "is having a clear idea of what they want to do with their life."

"For me it is setting goals and working hard for them. You can have all the talent in the world but if you don't work hard for it you're not going to accomplish anything. You know my dad instilled a hard work ethic in me when I was young and I carry that to this day. I'm never satisfied and I'm always trying to improve and if you ever want to get something you'll be able to do it if you work hard enough for it," Cheechoo said. "It's great to see all the Natives up here I'll tell you that much. This is the first place I've played where the Native population is so vast. I know I have enjoyed playing around here and I know my dad has friends up here and has been out to visit with a bunch of them and been out to eat some of their traditional meals … so its fun to be in a place where you're surrounded by Natives."

Courtesy photo

Right Wing Hockey player Jonathon Cheechoo, a member of the First Nations people of Canada is bringing the heat to the Oklahoma City Barons Hockey team and helping drive the team to victory in the playoffs.

Photo by Robin Noyes
Jonathon Cheechoo

Cheechoo had some final words to share, "I just want to say to your Native group and to all Native people to just be proud of who you are, you know it's great being Native, not everybody can say that and I think you have something special being Native, we have a lot of talents and we are just as good as anybody else so be proud of who you are and never try to hide it."

The Oklahoma City Barons will take on the Grand Rapids Griffins in the Western Conference Finals. Oklahoma City and Grand Rapids have met four times in the regular season, with the home team winning each game. Cheechoo led in points scoring five points each game.

Arapaho elder

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through the 8th grade. I did spend about six weeks at Concho Boarding School in the 7th grade ... there were four of us that went, my two brothers, me and my sister. In those days times were hard, everyone was poor and I guess mom thought we would get meals and I guess my mom thought we would like it, but I didn't like it. My siblings were really small like four years younger than me and I sure didn't like seeing them in that environment, but anyway when we came home for Christmas we didn't go back."

Clifford shared what his hot school lunch program consisted of, "we would take sandwiches and someone would put a pot of beans on that potbelly stove and that consisted of our hot school lunch. Sometimes those beans would be done and sometimes they wouldn't, but you know we didn't have refrigerators to keep things cool back then."

Clifford's fondest memory was of riding horses and playing when not in school.

"Most of the white boys had horses too and we all rode horses a lot and played. We would ride about three miles west where there was a dam and we would swim there or we would ride about five miles to the south Canadian River and we all would go swimming there. After we left Colony and moved to Geary my dad acquired a tractor and in the summertime, when dad would put the crop in, he would leave for Wyoming to work on the ranch all summer to earn wages and me, being the oldest, I was left to work the farm, plowing and we used horses to plow with until he got that tractor. We kept all our horses until we finally moved to Canton because really there wasn't much use for them anymore except riding and I gave up riding so we got rid of them all," Clifford said.

Clifford graduated the 8th grade from the day school he attended and his mother put him on a bus to attend Geary Public Schools for a semester before finishing his remaining high school years at Canton schools.

"In that day school most of the white kids when they finished the 8th grade quit going because there wasn't any law back then saying you had to keep going, but my mom was going to make sure we went on through school. I spent about a semester at Geary and there were other Indians that attended school there by then, the Levis, the Cutnoses. About Christmas time we moved to Canton to my grandmother's allotment, south of Southard about five miles between Watonga and Canton, but we were in Canton school district," Clifford said. "I attended high school in Canton and played football and basketball ... in fact that's the only reason why I went to school. If it wasn't for sports, I didn't see any other reason to go to school. Of course there were several Indians and one of my good friends was George Sutton, who was a grade ahead of me and in my class was Milton Old Sage and of course all the Sankeys went there. It was fun, George, he played fullback and we had a guy named Leo Haag, he was Cheyenne, who played on the line, Floyd Sankey, who played and Milton came out to practice but he never played. I was a quarterback on the All Star Football

Clifford and Nora Birdshead 58 years ago, as they cut their wedding cake.

*See **Arapaho elder**, page 9*

Buffalo Stew
Cooking with USDA Foods

Furnished by the
C&A Food Distribution Program

2 - 1/2 pounds buffalo, cut into small pieces
2 tablespoons whole wheat flour
2 cups vegetable broth
3 sweet potatoes
2 cups of baby carrots
2 medium onions
8 ounces of mushrooms
3 diced tomatoes
3 stalks of celery
4 bay leafs
Oregano to taste
Fresh ground pepper

Dredge buffalo in whole wheat flour, set aside. Slice sweet potatoes, place in bottom of the slow cooker. Cut onions into large pieces and layer over sweet potatoes. Clean mushrooms thoroughly, cut in half, and layer over onions. Layer baby carrots over mushrooms. Layer floured buffalo over carrots. Pour diced tomatoes and celery over buffalo. Season with bay leaf, oregano, and pepper. Pour vegetable broth evenly over all.

Cook on low for 6-8 hours, stirring towards the end.

BRIEFS

The second annual Native American Diabetes and Wound Care Conference

June 10-11, 2013 at the La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. For more information visit www. nativenationevents.org.

Developing Tribal Travel Policies Using IRS and OMB Guidelines

June 17-18, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

National Indian Health Board Tribal Public Health Summit

June 17-19, 2013 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Fla. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

National Reservation Economic Summit

June 17-19, 2013 at the Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula, Calif. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

BIA Tribal Court Trial Advocacy Training Program

June 17-20, 2013 at the Canad Inns in Grand Forks, N.D. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference

June 24-27, 2013 at the Atlantis Casino, Resort and Spa in Reno, Nev. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Support Staff Training Seminar

June 25-26, 2013 at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information call (202) 642-4724 or visit www.nativeamericanconsulting.com.

The 37th annual UNITY Conference

July 12-16, 2013 at the Marriott Warner Center in Woodland Hills, Calif. For more information visit www.unityinc.org.

Internal Controls for Tribal Organizations: Protecting Your Tribes' Financial Assets

July 16-17, 2013 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

National Native Media Conference

July 17-21, 2013 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information visit www.naja.com.

18th Annual National Gathering of Tribal Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals &Tradeshow

July 17-19, 2013 at the Little River Casino Resort in Manistee, Mich. For more information visit www.nawainc.org.

The third annual EUCI Conference-Energy Development on Tribal Lands

July 22-23, 2013 at the-Hilton San Diego Bayfront in San Diego, Calif. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

EATING well for DIABETES

Choosing Fast Food Sandwiches

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Eating at fast food restaurants can be challenging. Some restaurants have better choices than others, if you don't eat mayonnaise or cheese on your sandwiches you can save 180 calories as 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise has 90 calories as well as one slice of cheese.

Long John Silver's Alaskan Pollack Sandwich has 470 calories and 23 grams of fat; compared to eating two Grilled Pacific Salmon Filets which has 150 calories.

Kentucky Fried Chicken's Crispy Twister, which we think is healthy, has a whopping 610 calories; a better choice would be the Honey BBQ Sandwich.

Hooter's Smothered Chicken Sandwich has 800 calories so you could choose to eat the Philly Cheese Steak instead, which still has too many calories at 600.

Burger King's Tender Crisp Chicken Sandwich has 750 calories compared to eating three chicken strips at 360 calories, eating their sausage egg and cheese biscuit is 520 calories their Ham, Egg and Cheese Croissant has 310 calories as much as a McDonald's Egg McMuffin.

Chic filets Caesar Cool Wrap has 470 calories (again because it is a wrap we think it is healthier) but if you eat a Chick-fil-A's Chargrilled chicken sandwich is 290 calories.

At McDonald's you would want to choose the McDouble which has 390 calories compared to the Crispy Chicken Club which has 620 calories.

Panera Bread is one of our favorites, their Chipotle Chicken on Artisan French Bread has 840 calories so you want to eat the Smoked Turkey Sandwich which has 420 calories.

The culprit on most of these sandwiches is the bacon, mayonnaise and cheese. So giving up one reduces the calories by 90. The fat content of these foods can be as much as 56 grams a day over the daily limit for a woman and 84 percent of a man's daily fat needs. The sodium content can be as much as 1200 mg per sandwich and the total recommended sodium a day is 2300 mg. A female needs approximately 1600 calories a day and a male is approximately 2000 a day. Eating the sandwich alone takes up 30 to 60 percent of your daily intake of calories so be smart when eating out. Limit eating out to three times a week or less and consume more home cooked meals.

For more information on healthier eating contact the Diabetes Wellness program at (800) 247-4612 ex 27685.

Riverside Indian Junior High School names top three students

Submitted article

Riverside Indian Junior High School has announced their academically outstanding eighth grade students for the 2012-2013 school year.

Miranda Cachina, Ichukash Helohah Solomon and Cassandra Maria Littleman-Candy top the list with the highest grade point averages for the past two years.

Miranda Cachina, daughter of Melissa Halusewa, is a member of the Zuni Pueblo Tribe. She is from Zuni, N.M. Miranda was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society with a grade point average of 3.9. She is an active member of the Math Counts team. Her extracurricular activities include basketball and softball. Her GPA is the highest of her class and she has been given the honor Valedictorian. Miranda has attended Riverside for two years.

Two eighth graders will share the title of Salutatorian, each having a 3.7 grade point average. They are Ichukash Helohah Solomon and Cassandra Maria Littleman-Candy.

Ichukash is a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw from Philadelphia, Miss. He is the son of Pamela Melendez. Ichukash is involved in the Math Counts team, the Gifted and Talented Program and is a newly inducted member of the National Junior Honor Society. Football and basketball include his extracurricular activities. Ichukash has attended Riverside for two years.

Cassandra, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, is the daughter of Maureen Ramirez and Mario Ramirez (stepfather) of Chickasha, Okla., and Stewart Candy of Hammon, Okla.

This is Cassandra's second year at Riverside and her hard work has earned her an induction into the National Junior Honor Society. She has also been selected to participate in the Gifted and Talented Program and the Math Counts Team. Other extracurricular participation include cross country track, spring track and softball.

Submitted photo

Miranda Cachina, Ichukash Helohah Solomon and Cassandra Maria Littleman-Candy are named Riverside Indian Junior High School's top three students for the 2012-2013 school year.

Culturally, Cassandra is a member of the Sign Language group. She has performed for school assemblies and participated in the Baccalaureate Ceremony that was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, in the Riverside gymnasium.

All three of these young students were also honored at the Riverside Indian School's Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony held May 16, 2013.

Okla. Senate unveils $80M plan for two new museums

By Sean Murphy

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) _ The Oklahoma Senate unveiled a new plan on Thursday to divert $80 million in state sales and use taxes over a four-year period to pay for the completion of an American Indian museum in Oklahoma City and build a new popular culture museum in Tulsa.

A Senate budget committee approved both measures, which next must be considered by a similar committee in the House, where the proposals are likely to face strong resistance.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Sen. Clark Jolley said the new approach to funding the projects was needed because of the strong aversion in the increasingly conservative House to issue bonds to pay for state projects.

"Because of the reluctance to do bonds for these projects, they were either not going to get done or we were going to have to utilize state dollars to do so," said Jolley, R-Edmond. "This allows for the projects to be completed without bonded indebtedness, but also gets this hopefully off the plate with the Legislature so we no longer have to have this conversation about what we do with this project that began almost 20 years ago and is still unfinished."

The first bill would divert $40 million in use taxes during the next four years to

*See **Museums on next page***

C-A Housing Authority sponsoring Biggest Loser Challenge for Clinton residents

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority employee committee is sponsoring 'The Biggest Loser Challenge' for persons in the Clinton, Okla. area.

The challenge will begin June 1 and end on November 15, 2013.

The Biggest Loser Challenge is open to all tribal members and employees in the Clinton area, as well as employees of the Clinton IHS and the Clinton Lucky Star Casino. We want to promote and encourage a healthier life style for our community and people.

The registration fee is $20. Participants can register from June 3-7, 2013 at the Housing Authority during regular business hours, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

There will be a men's and women's category for the challenge. Prizes will be determined by the highest percentage of body weight during the 24-week challenge.

For more information, please contact the Housing Authority employee committee at (580) 331-2400.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' R.E.Sp.E.C.T. bowling league ended with the following winners.

6 p.m. League Winners
1st: Ha'Styles
2nd: Caddo Springs (Bryce Rednose, Kerrie Blackwolf, not pictured Aubrey Blackwolf and Ronnie Friday).

Tournament Winners
1st: Ha'Styles
2nd: Express (AJ Brown, Beverly Brown, James Reveles, Jaime Reveles)
3rd: Caddo Springs

8 p.m. League Winners
1st Place: Unbowlievable (Connor Bushyhead, Vida Birdshead, Leslie Heredia, Efrain Heredia)
2nd Place: 300 Club (Brandon Whiteman & Jerilyn Longknife, not pictured Josh Littlebird)

Tournament Winners
1st: Unbowlievable
2nd: Weechaw's
3rd: Weechaw's & Lulu's

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

The 31st Anniversary Contest Powwow Honoring Lehman and Jeannelle Coyote

June 1, 2013 at the Cox Pavilion, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Contests in all categories. For more information call (405) 863-0688.

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program Sports & Fitness Camp

June 3-6, 2013 at the Roman Nose State Park in Watonga, Okla. Check in at 5 p.m., June 3. Check out at 12 p.m. on June 6. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

The 27th annual Red Earth Festival

June 7-9, 2013 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For three exciting days Oklahoma City will be at the center of Native American art and culture in America. For more information visit www.redearth.org or call (405) 427-5228.

The 15th annual Small Town Weekend

June 7-9, 2013 in El Reno, Okla. Friday, June 7, drag racing on Old Route 66, 6 p.m. - dark. Saturday, June 8 open car show, kid's hot wheels races in Adam's Park. For more information visit www.ercruisers.com.

Birthday Honor Dances for McKenna Lime, 10 and Selena Martinez, 1

June 9, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 3 p.m. with dance to follow. For more information call (580) 715-0760.

The 18th annual Oklahoma Indian All-State Basketball Games

June 15, 2013 at the Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, Okla. Girls' game begins at 6 p.m. followed by the boys' game at 8 p.m. For more information contact Sharon Lee or Laryn Bierig at (918) 642-3162.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' 2013 Youth Empowerment Conference

June 18-21, 2013 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. For more information call (405) 422-7568.

The annual Peoria Powwow

June 21, 2013 at the Peoria powwow grounds, 60610 E. 90 Road in Miami, Okla. For more information call Frank Hecksher at (918) 540-2535 or emailfhecksher@peoriatribe.com.

The annual Tonkawa Tribal Powwow

June 28-30, 2013 in Tonkawa, Okla. For more information call Miranda Allen-Myer at (580) 628-2561 or email info@tonkawatribes.com.

Murrow Indian Children's Home Benefit Powwow

June 29, 2013 at Bacone College Palmer Center, 2299 Old Bacone Road in Muskogee, Okla. Contest powwow, free admission. All royalties, drums, singers and dancers are invited to attend. For more information call Betty R Martin or Stella Pepiakitah at (918) 682-2586 or email murrowhomedirector@gmail.com.

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All tribal members invtied to attend and discuss health care services received at Clinton Service Unit, clinics and other health related concerns.

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There will be complaint/compliment forms available to be filled out on site at each meeting.

For more information call (405) 422-7695.

Happy 5th Birthday
Aden Henry!
June 8
Love Papa

Happy 5th Birthday
Aden Henry!
Love, mom, dad,
Miklyn and Isaiah

Happy Birthday
Tick Black and Bubba Black
May 23 and May 30
From Terri and Jerrie

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member Khali Jo Littlehawk received the G.E. Student of the Year 2013 Award. Her class mates voted for her for this honor. She is 9 yrs old and will be entering the 4th grade. Good job Khali Jo, as always we are proud of you and keep up the good work! Proud parents Kino and Theresa Littlehawk of Kingfisher and proud grandparents Donald and Agnes Littlehawk of El Reno.
We love you

I would like to wish both of my daughters a very Happy Birthday. Happy 9th Birthday Alanah Botone-Harjo
June 26
Happy 5th Birthday Catrina Botone-Harjo June 15.
You both are loved very much!
From momma, daddy, grandma, papa, uncle Matt and Sarah

Happy Belated Birthday
Brynlee Fletcher
Love dad and stepmom

Coleen Case graduated in 2012 from the School of Journalism, University of Oregon, her degree was in advertising.
Coleen is a descendant of Clara Thunder, her great-great-grandmother, Katherine Nicholls, great grandmother and Erma Brown, grandmother
I am a very proud mom,
Sonja Brown Fry

Wishing you a Happy Birthday
Milford D. Fletcher, May 31
48 years young
We all miss you brother, you will be in our prayers on your special day.
We love you and wish you well. It's your day, so celebrate! All your sisters, mom, brother, Cheri,Terri, Tracy, Tia, Jodi and Skeeter

Congrats to Jose Martinez, 2013 graduate from Butler-Arapaho High School
From mom, Marilyn and grandmother Cynthia Whiteskunk
Osage and all of the Whiteskunk family

Richard Carter Williams born April 23, 2013 weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. Proud parents are Richard "Bocephus" and Shakayla Williams. Paternal grandparents are Beth and Seger Williams, Sr. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Ida and Kenneth Williams.

Happy Birthday
Chauncey J. Moore
May 27
From your big sister, Georgia Moore McGee and family

Congratulations
Reyna DeeAnn Swift
graduated in the class of 2013 from Waurika High School.
She played catcher and third base for her high school and plays for a private club. She plans to attend college, her major interests are Physical Science, Biomedical, Biological science, health professions and related clinical services.

Wishing both you June babies a very Happy Birthday!
Carrie Lamebull 31 yrs and Aden Henry
Lumpmouth-Sam 5 yrs
Love from the Lamebull and Lumpmouth Families.

Sylvana Levier is a 2013 graduate of Royal Valley High School near Mayetta, KS. She received many honors from her school. She will be attending Haskell Indian Nation University, Lawrence, KS. Her grandmother is Rosanna Whiteskunk Jessepe
Congrats from the Elk River Whiteskunk family

Happy Birthday
Carrie Nicole Lamebull
June 18
Wonderful niece, good hearted, kind, spiritual woman.
Boomer Sooner!
May God bless, uncles Bill and Bob

Happy Birthday Charmaine
Jan. 3, 2012
We think of Charmaine everyday, your smiles and voice and all the words you did say. We always believed you would get more time for more love, laugh and play. You didn't get that chance and your not here ... we miss your sparkle, your humor and zest for life, this empty void you left behind cuts like a knife.
Our beautiful memories of you are with us everyday.
With love from Felicia, Carol, Lamont, Don, Walter, Malachi, Mickey, Michaela, Michelle, Tommy, Sundance and the rest of family and friends.

Health care law changes could affect Okla. tribes

By Tim Talley

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)-As a policy advisor for the Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority, Melanie Fourkiller knows that documented Native Americans can access the tribe's health care services even if they are not members of the Choctaw Nation or any other federally recognized tribe.

But changes in how the government defines a Native American that are part of the Affordable Care Act could force some who are served by the Choctaw Nation to either purchase private insurance or pay an annual $695 penalty to the Internal Revenue Service, once it's fully phased in.

"It causes all kind of chaos," Fourkiller said. "Members of my family would fall into the category. It just would be very confusing."

Tribal leaders from across Oklahoma are working with federal officials to restore the definition of which American Indians and Alaska Natives are exempt from the penalty to the one that has been used by the Indian Health Service for decades.

"There are different definitions of Indians floating around out there," said Dr. Charles Grim, deputy executive director of health services for the Cherokee Nation, which operates a hospital and eight outpatient clinics that serve about 150,000 people in northeastern Oklahoma.

Grim said there is concern among tribal governments that some people eligible to receive health care services through the IHS will not meet the ACA's definition for which American Indians are exempt from the penalty.

In Oklahoma, almost 483,000 of the state's 3.75 million residents identify themselves as Native Americans, or nearly 13 percent of the state's population, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Only California has a higher number.

Tulsa County has the largest number of residents who identify themselves as Native American, 61,000. Oklahoma County is home to almost 46,000 people who self-identify as Native American.

There are approximately 560 federally recognized tribes in the U.S., and 39 of them are based in Oklahoma. Tribal officials said Native Americans who are not citizens of one of the tribes could potentially be required to enroll in health insurance exchanges and carry insurance.

"It is a potential problem," Grim said.

Republican Rep. Tom Cole, a member of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, said he was aware of the concerns.

"This could lead to some tribal citizens being required to purchase insurance or face penalties even though they are covered by IHS," he said in a statement to The Associated Press. Cole is one of two federal legislators who are members of a federally recognized tribe. He would not say whether he would sponsor a bill to address the issue.

Mickey Peercy, executive director of health for the Choctaw Nation, said the solution involves making the new health care law's definition of American Indian consistent.

Museums

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complete the unfinished American Indian Cultural Center and Museum located along the Oklahoma River at the intersection of interstates 40 and 35 near downtown Oklahoma City. Use taxes are those paid on internet purchases and tangible personal property purchased out of state and brought into Oklahoma.

The museum has been a sore spot for legislators because construction began more than a decade ago and has included $63 million in funding from three separate bond proposals approved by the Legislature. Additional money has come from private donors, Oklahoma City and federal stimulus funds.

Museum supporters say they've secured $40 million in pledges from private donors and only need one final $40 million appropriation from the Legislature to complete the project, but many lawmakers are skeptical.

``On two separate occasions we've promised the taxpayers of Oklahoma that was the last state money we were going to spend on it,'' said Sen. Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City. ``I believe we're going back on our word to the taxpayers.

"My desire is to finish it, but to finish it with zero more state dollars.''

The second proposal, which narrowly passed the committee on a 13-12 vote, would divert $40 million over four years to help construct the OKPOP museum, a planned four-story building to be located in the Brady Arts District of Tulsa. The Tulsa museum has support from many Republicans because of a detailed business plan prepared by the Oklahoma Historical Society, which would manage the museum and a planned parking garage that would generate revenue to help fund operations. The historical society also has received several donations of memorabilia from Oklahoma-based artists or their estates, including recent contributions from actress Mary Kay Place and musicians Bob Wills, Leon Russell and Ernie Fields, Sr.

Funds to finish the American Indian Museum in Oklahoma City have been approved by Oklahoma state legislators. Construction on the museum began ten years ago.

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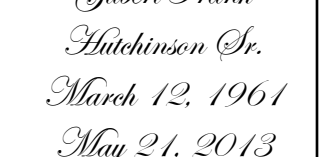

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Obituaries

Carrie Sue Hamilton
Jan. 3, 1975
May 14, 2013

Wake services were held for Carrie Sue Hamilton on May 17, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services were held May 18, 2013 also at the Concho Community Center followed by an Interment at Cantonment Cemetery.

Gilbert Frank Hutchinson Sr.
March 12, 1961
May 21, 2013

Wake services were held for Gilbert Frank Hutchinson Sr., on May 23, 2013 at the Watonga Indian Baptist Church in Watonga, Okla.

Funeral services were held May 24, 2013 also at the Watonga Indian Baptist Church followed by an Interment at Cantonment Cemetery.

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
D.L. DOB: 11/12/99
K.L. DOB: 4/4/06
Minor Children

Case No. PG-2013-28

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: ANDREA BRANSON

You are hereby notified that TERI J. BAKER has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the persons and/or estates of D.L. AND K.L., minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Guardianship Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 12TH day of JUNE, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 15TH day of MAY, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
V.T.D.C.
Minor Child

Case No. PG-2012-82

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Amber Lorene Big Eagle
Robert C. Cannon

You are hereby notified that Amber Lorene Big Eagle has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the persons and/or estates of V.T.D.C. minor child, and that on February 14, 2013, the petitioner, Amber Lorene Big Eagle was granted temporary emergency guardianship of the minor child and that said Petition is hereby set for a Permanent Guardianship Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 26TH day of JUNE, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Permanent Guardianship should not granted.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
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In The Matter Of The Estate Of:
WESLEY PEDRO, SR.
Decedent

Case No. P-2013-01

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: Any and all heirs of Wesley Pedro, Sr.

You are hereby notified that Linda Pedro has filed in this Court a Petition To Probate Estate of Weskey Pedro, Sr. and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said District Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 26TH day of JU NE, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Petition should not be granted.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Arapaho elder

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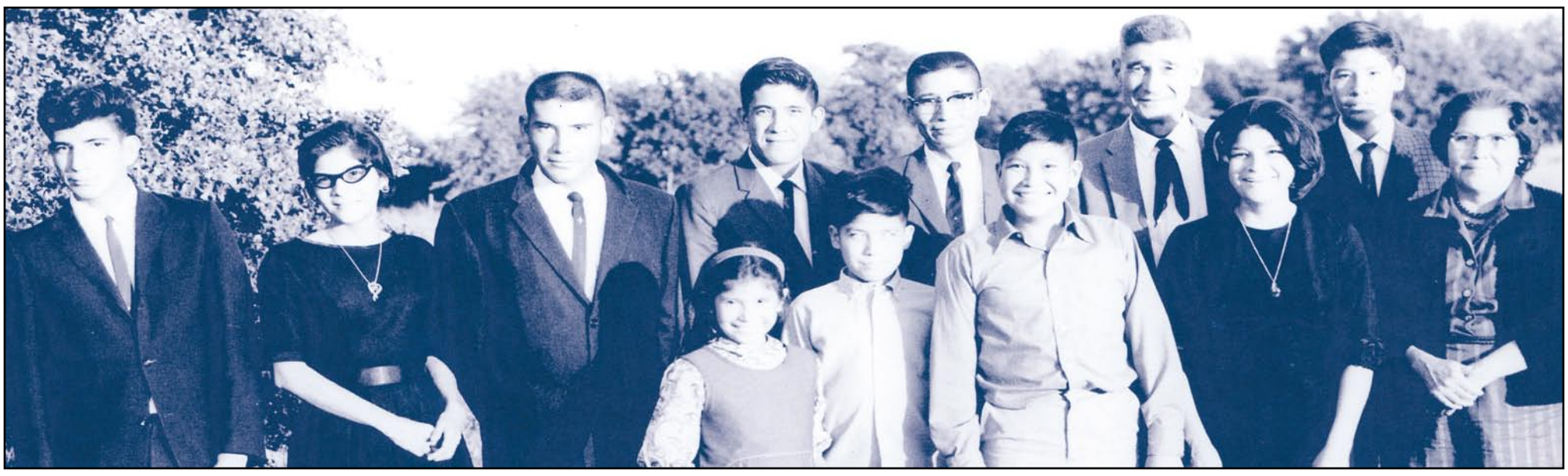


The Birdshead family gathered together for Susie Mixed Hair Tallbear's funeral in October 1967. Pictured back row l-r: Ralph, Tommie Rose, Lawrence, Joseph E., Clifford, Joseph Jess and Lavern. Front row l-r: Mrylie Ann, Charles, Sterling, Frances and Rose.

squad. That's the players they picked for that particular class, like Class C or Class B." Clifford finished high school and said he nor his classmates never really thought about college because the Korean War was going on and when they turned 18 years old it was a 99.9 percent chance they would be drafted.

"I was down in El Reno carousing around listening to the radio and they signed a truce ... the war was over and the draft was suspended. So I went back home and I applied to do auto mechanics and welding at Haskell and I knew the local welder, so I applied for those two, but in the meantime my mother had sent off for this test for business from Haskell, so it came two weeks before I was supposed to go," Clifford smiled. "My parents drove me to El Reno and put me on a train to Lawrence, Kansas and then onto Haskell. I went down to get into auto mechanics and they said they couldn't take me because they were full and I said well I am not going to take welding because I had talked to that local welder and he told me I didn't want to do that, my eyes would only last about 15 years, so don't be doing it. My last deal was business from my mother's doing, so I went up there and they told me they couldn't take me either because they were full. So I said adios and thought I can just go back home and go back to work where I was working, so I went down to the principal and he told the registrar to pull my file and he wrote a note and told me to go back upstairs to the business department and it said, 'find him a desk,' and that's how I got into business ... my mother was smart making sure I got into business. In those days you didn't think about what you were going to do with your life, you just went to work."

It was while at Haskell that Clifford first met Nora Postoak, the woman who would someday be his wife. He said she was in his class and they dated while in college.

Both Nora and Clifford were taken by Haskell to take the Civil Service exam to achieve a rating for a job within the Federal government.

"When I got my rating, I filled out the Standard Form for Federal employment and sent it off to Gallup, N.M. and Phoenix, Ariz. I did that in January and then in February I got this job offer on the San Carlos Indian Reservation as a clerk in education within the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Before I left I was called in and was told there were two job openings in Gallup for accounting, but I told them I had already told San Carlos I was coming so forget it. I borrowed $60 from the student activity fund and bought the ticket out there and that department head let my future wife, Nora, go down to the bus station to see me off and I came through Oklahoma on my way to San Carlos," Clifford said chuckling. "When I got to San Carlos I had $6 left and I was in Globe, Ariz., and wondered where the San Carlos reservation was. Well someone told me it was 26 miles out and I thought 26 miles was a long way to walk, so I took my last $6 and took a cab out to the Agency, checked in and went to work. Needless to say I didn't have any money but I had a job, but no money. They let me stay in the employees club where single teachers lived and we had meals Monday through Friday, then at the end of the month they would take all the bills from everyone and add them all up and divide it among all the employees ... it came out to be about .81 cents a meal. So I had my meals and they deducted my living expense out of my check, so I was making about $72 every two weeks."

In the meantime, back at Haskell, Nora had applied and was accepted for a job in Whiteriver, Ariz. at the Ft. Apache Reservation across the mountain from San Carlos.

"Well I met her down in Globe at the bus station and it was about 5 p.m. and we ran up to the courthouse ... I couldn't get Nora to run fast enough ... and we got up these two flights of stairs and this woman was locking the door. She said, 'can I help you,' and I said we need a marriage license. She just smiled and unlocked the door and we went in and got a license then she said, 'do you have someone to marry you,' and I said no we didn't have anyone, so she said she would call the judge and he came back down, so we went down to his basement office. Then the judge asked me, 'do you have any witnesses,' and I said no and he said, 'well okay, let me call my wife and she'll come down and be your witness,'" Clifford said laughing. "That was the funniest wedding I ever have been to. She had just turned 21 and I was still 20 and we got married. We were all standing there, the funniest thing, he ups and asks if anyone in the room objects to this marriage and I started laughing because there wasn't anyone in the room but us. 'Do you have the ring,' he asked me, well I had bought this ring, it must of cost me a whole paycheck and I started to hand it to him and it fell out of my hand and started rolling around on the floor ... everyone was after that ring, it was the funniest thing. That was the start of our marriage and we have been married 58 years."

In San Carlos Clifford said he was approached about coaching basketball for the 4th, 5th and 6th grades, "I coached five teams and we played teams around Globe and we won a lot of games. I was always busy. I played on the Independent team, they really didn't like to talk to strangers, but I began to play basketball with them. We went to Phoenix to this all-Indian tournament and it was kind of comical because here we would be playing basketball and these guys would be shouting to each other in Apache and I didn't have a clue what they were saying and the coach would yell at them to talk English," Clifford remembered smiling. "I was the only other outside Indian on the team, I was like a foreigner. I was never bored and that coach would come get me and go hunting out in the mountains. You know those guys ended up accepting me and around a year later I was gone again. I made friends with them and they really didn't talk to foreigners."

Clifford said it was a year later, April 1, 1956, that their first child was born in San Carlos, Edward Joe and after Edward's birth, Clifford was transferred to the Hopi Indian Agency in Keams Canyon, Ariz. for a short time before being transferred to Anadarko, Okla., in January 1957 where he later became a realty assistant in real estate at the Kiowa Area Field office (now the Anadarko Agency).

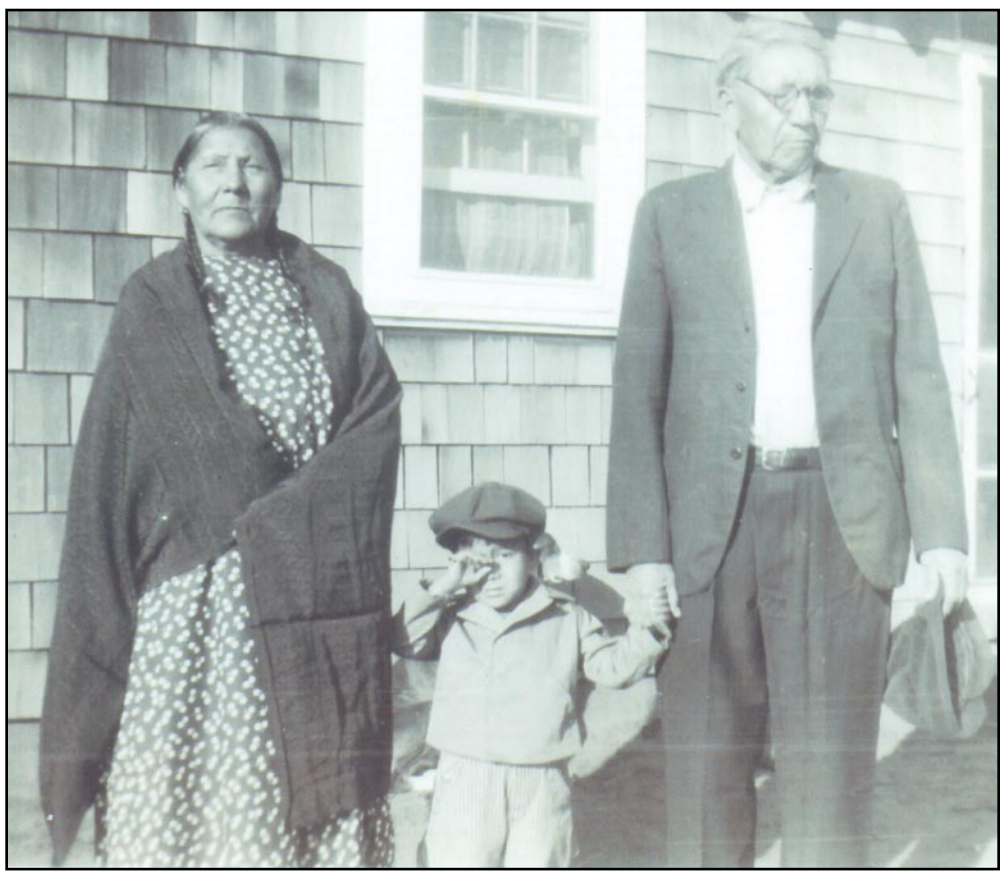
"Every time I put in for a job, it was always to get a raise in pay, either one grade or two grade pay raises. I had a family to feed and I had to think about them and I told my wife when we got to a certain point, she could quit work and raise the kids," Clifford said.

Clifford said it was during this time when their second child, Debra was born October 1958 in Lawton, Okla.

"Two years later we moved to Colville Agency in Hespelem, Wash. and worked as a real property officer. This was on the Confederated tribes of the Colville Reservation and this is where our last daughter, Mary Sue, was born in April 1961. All three of my kids have been born in different places," Clifford said. "We traveled a lot but we got to know a lot of people and we had a lot of friends all over. I got to work with a lot of different tribes."

After two and a half years, Clifford said they moved once again and relocated to the Northern Idaho Agency in Lapwai, Idaho to work in real estate for the Nez Perce, Coeur d' lane, Lootenai and Kalispel reservations from 1962 to 1964.

"I worked during the 'termination era' where Congress was terminating the tribes.



Clifford Birdshead's grandparents, Susie Mixed Hair Tallbear and Amick Tallbear with his brother, Joseph.

My boss, the guy that selected me for my job was the last person at Klamath. He was the one who locked up the gates as a realty office. Land guys are the last to leave. They shipped him up north to Colville, because they were on the list next ... they had so many years to come up with a plan for termination. In those days the government was going out of business and I thought I would go up there (Colville) and be the guy who locks up the gates, at least. After a time the trend reversed and now there are all kinds of tribes being recognized," Clifford said. "In October 1964 I transferred back to the Anadarko Agency and worked as a realty officer until 1969 when I moved to the area office as a realty assistant overseeing oil and gas leasing program. From 1972 to 1988 I served as the realty officer for that area office. In 1989 I helped established a computer lab to train Bureau employees to use microcomputers and software ... this was one of the jobs that I really enjoyed."

Submitted photos

Cliff and Nora Birdshead with their two daughters, Debra and Mary Sue.

Clifford said he set up computer labs with up to 20 students in each class, teaching them these new 'computer' systems (personal computers).

"After I got all this stuff set up I was the main instructor, the only instructor in the BIA I think at that time. This was microcomputer stuff, pcs. It took me about two months to get it all set up and the employees would come in from different areas. I think some of them were more confused when they left then when they got there and some of them didn't even want to touch the computer," Clifford said while laughing. "They would say, 'why am I here I only have two years left,'. Trying to convert them over to a new system, how much faster and easier the pcs would make their jobs was a task ... they were hard cases to crack."

He said that was his last year working for the Bureau before he retired on Dec. 1, 1989, after 34 plus years with the BIA.

"I worked for the BIA my entire life," Clifford stopped for a moment before saying, "well I say retired, for the next 10 years after I retired I contracted with the Bureau to write and implement software for use in real estate management. Now I just enjoy the family especially the grandkids and the great-grandkids, which are great."

When Clifford was asked about his life long decision to stay in the BIA, he responded with, "some of the best people I know are in the BIA and have helped a lot of people. They want to help but they can't get involved with family squabbles or with tribal squabbles ... they just can't. The ones I have worked with over the years have been dedicated people and they tried to help. I have a lot of good friends that were Indian and non-Indian and they were all the same, they were working to serve. If you get beat up sometimes you just have to bear it and then go on, that's just the name of the game. Being a public servant is not easy. You know people can say what they want but I enjoyed my time with the BIA, it was needless to say exciting a lot of times and I have made some very good friends over the years."

Clifford has been awarded the Outstanding Arapaho Award presented to him by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes on Oct. 3, 1970, which states in part, "*for his many contributions and achievements, which have brought recognition to the tribe."* He has also been awardedT the Meritorious Service Award and the Distinguished Service Award.

Clifford and his wife Nora still live in the same home they bought in 1964 in Anadarko, Okla. Besides spending time enjoying their family, Clifford and Nora are both avid golfers and enjoy spending time on the golf course.

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